OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR YOUR CHARTER 2000 DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER

IMPORTANT: *Study this Instruction Folder carefully before you handle your firearm. It contains vital instructions and warnings regarding safe handling and use.*

KNOW YOUR GUN AND AMMUNITION

These instructions and warnings are issued for all models listed. Each model is similar in design and operation, but each model can only be used safely with the proper caliber and shape ammunition. The model name and proper ammunition for each Charter Revolver is inscribed on the left hand side of the barrel. Use only factory loaded ammunition of the proper caliber and cartridge design. Use of improper caliber or cartridge design is dangerous to the shooter, bystanders and the revolver.

This Instruction Folder includes instruction for the following models of Charter revolvers:

Model	Caliber(s)
Undercover	.38 Special*
Off-Duty	.38 Special*
Police Undercover	.38 Special
Bulldog "Pug"	.357 Magnum
Bulldog	.44 Special

* The use of .38 Special 'plus P' ammunition is NOT RECOMMENDED.

NOTE: EACH REVOLVER IS PACKAGED WITH AN 'EXPLODED' VIEW AND PARTS LIST FOR THAT PARTICULAR MODEL. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RECOMMENDED AMMUNITION FOR THE PARTICULAR MODEL REVOLVER APPEARS ON THAT DOCUMENT. THE USER MUST BE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH ALL INFORMATION ABOUT PROPER AMMUNITION.

FIREARMS ARE WEAPONS AND ARE DANGEROUS

It is essential that these instrument and warnings be thoroughly studied before loading or using the firearm to assure proper and safe gun handling. Firearms safety is your RESPONSIBILITY and must be your first and constant consideration. KNOW YOUR GUN AND ITS HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS.

FIREARM SAFETY WARNINGS:

Most of these warnings apply to all types of firearms. These precautions should become second nature to anyone handling a firearm.

1. Use only the PROPER AMMUNITION as specified for each model on the Exploded View and Parts List supplied with your revolver. Use only original factory manufactured ammunition. Use of faulty, reloaded, or incorrect size or caliber ammunition can cause failure of the revolver to operate, malfunction, misfires or explosion and can result in serious injury to the shooter or bystanders. The use of improper ammunition will void the Lifetime Warranty.

   Charter DOES NOT RECOMMEND the use of 'Plus P' ammunition in its .38 Special caliber Undercover and Off-Duty models.

2. NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYONE (or anything) — even if it is assumed to be empty — UNLESS PREPARED TO SHOOT. *Your first action* upon picking up a firearm should always be to *check whether it is loaded.*

   The double action, swing out cylinder revolver is a safer design than most pistols. But it is still necessary to swing out the cylinder and check to see if the gun is loaded anytime the gun is handled.

3. Always carry the revolver with the hammer uncocked and resting against the frame. Always insure that the trigger is free to return to its forward, at rest position.

   This warning applies only to Charter double action revolvers and other revolvers of similar design. Your Charter revolver is designed with a completely automatic safety system that prevents discharge (unless altered or abused) unless the hammer is cocked to the rear (either manually or by double-action trigger pull) and the trigger pulled and held back while firing.

   Always carry any firearm pointed in a safe direction while it is being handled, due to the possibility of accidental discharge. **NEVER RELY ON ANY MECHANICAL SAFETY.** Mechanical devices can break or fail. **FIREARMS SAFETY DEPENDS UPON YOU, THE USER.** The safety mechanisms on these revolvers **MAY NOT PREVENT ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE** if they have been damaged by misuse or abuse, such as dropping the firearm.

   Never shoot at a hard, flat surface or at the surface of water. This could cause a ricochet which may result in possible injury to you or someone else.

   Before each loading or use of the revolver, be sure the bore (inside of the barrel) and chambers (holes in the cylinder) are unobstructed and free of grease or excessive oil. Check barrel bore for any obstruction and recheck if anything occurs which might result in obstruction (such as dropping). Firing any firearm with a barrel or chamber obstruction can lead to serious injury. *Always* swing out the cylinder and completely unload the revolver before checking the bore. Keep bore and chambers free from rust and corrosion. Rust and corrosion can cause a sufficient obstruction to generate extreme overpressure upon firing, which may result in possible structural failure and serious injury to the shooter or bystanders.

7. USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION WHEN SHOOTING. Repeated unprotected exposure to gunfire can lead to ear damage and hearing loss. Use of safety glasses will help prevent injury from flying particles. When shooting any firearm, make sure all other persons are safely to the rear of the shooter. Any revolver can permit very hot gases and shavings of lead to fly out the side from the gap between the cylinder and the barrel. Never place your hand in this area when shooting and make sure all bystanders are to your rear.

8. While shooting, if you have a misfire or notice any unusual sound or recoil upon firing, CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY. Swing out the cylinder, unload it and check the barrel bore and cylinder chambers for obstructions before resuming firing. A misfire can result in a barrel obstruction which is extremely dangerous.

9. Always store guns in a secure, clean, dry place — OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. Keep guns stored separately from ammunition.

10. Never make alterations to any parts in your gun. Any adjustments that may become necessary should be performed by a qualified gunsmith. Alterations will void the warranty. Do not risk your safety or the safety of others by making modifications to your firearm.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR FAILURE TO OBEY A SAFETY WARNING MAY RESULT IN INJURY TO YOU, TO OTHERS, OR TO THE FIREARM.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Your Charter double action revolver is manufactured at the company's plant in Shelton, Connecticut and made of high grade steel. It has been designed to maximize ease of handling while incorporating safety features to minimize the chances of accident or mishap.

Several safety features, such as the trigger guard and serrated hammer spur, are common to most revolvers. Your Charter revolver also incorporates a positive, fully automatic safety feature in its internal design. The hammer does not actually strike the firing pin. Under normal firing circumstances, a small steel bar is raised when the hammer is cocked, ending a position between the firing pin and the hammer. Pulling the trigger holds this steel bar in its raised position. The falling hammer then strikes the steel bar, which
in turn strikes the firing pin, discharging a cartridge. The bar is not raised unless the hammer is cocked and the trigger is pulled to the rear. Unless the revolver bar has been damaged or abused (or unless the gun's operation is affected by foreign substances such as twigs or dirt), the revolver will not discharge until the hammer is cocked and the trigger pulled.

Your Charter revolver is also designed so the hammer and trigger will not operate unless the cylinder is locked in place by the ejector rod. When the cylinder is swung out by depressing the cylinder latch, the hammer and trigger are mechanically locked in place and should not operate. Additionally, the cylinder latch is locked when the hammer is cocked, preventing disengagement of the cylinder when the revolver is ready to fire.

Regardless of design features, a firearm must be handled with care and respect.

LOADING AND FIRING

First, do not attempt to load or fire your revolver until you are completely familiar with its operation and handling characteristics. Familiarize yourself with the information in this booklet. If you still have questions or doubts, seek assistance from a qualified person (gunsmith, firearms instructor, etc.) before you load the firearm.

To load the revolver, you must press forward on the Cylinder Latch on the left side of the gun behind the cylinder. Holding the latch fully forward with your thumb, swing the cylinder out to the left of the frame by pressing inward on the front right side of the cylinder. The cylinder will not swing out if the hammer is cocked. Once the cylinder has been swung out, a cartridge of the proper caliber and shape may be loaded into each chamber of the cylinder. After inserting the cartridges, the revolver is readied for firing by swinging the cylinder back into the frame. Firm pressure should be applied to insure the cylinder is locked into place (front and rear) by the ejector rod.

THE REVOLVER IS NOW READY TO FIRE! DO NOT TOUCH THE TRIGGER UNTIL *YOU* ARE READY TO FIRE.

Your Charter double action revolver can be fired in either of two modes. It can be fired in the double action mode merely by pulling the trigger. For greater accuracy, it can be fired in a single action mode by first manually cocking the hammer and then pulling the trigger (permitting it to move to its fully forward position) after each shot.

After all cartridges are fired, or if you wish to unload before firing all cartridges, the fired or unfired cartridges must be removed from the cylinder. Swing the cylinder out as described above. Holding the revolver in your left hand with your fingers through the frame from the rear, point the muzzle up. Press the ejector rod firmly all the way down, causing the cartridge cases to be ejected from the cylinder. The revolver may now be reloaded if desired.

UNCOCKING THE HAMMER

There are times when you may have manually cocked the hammer but decide not to fire the revolver. THE REVOLVER SHOULD NEVER BE CARRIED OR LEFT WITH THE HAMMER COCKED. Even a slight accidental pressure on the trigger can result in discharge if the hammer is cocked. HOWEVER, UNCOCKING THE HAMMER OF A LOADED REVOLVER REQUIRES PRACTICE AND EXTREME CARE. It should be practiced with an unloaded gun until you are familiar with the steps and confident of your ability to perform them. Follow these steps:

1. Make sure the revolver is pointed in a safe direction. Do not attempt these steps while wearing gloves or when your hands are impeded in any way.

2. Grasp the revolver with your left hand, holding it by the frame in front of the trigger guard.

3. Using your right thumb, securely hold the hammer so it does not move. With your right index finger, squeeze the trigger. While controlling the movement of the hammer with your thumb, permit it to move forward slightly. Release the trigger, then ease the hammer forward to its uncocked position. DO NOT LET THE HAMMER FLY FORWARD WITHOUT CONTROL BY YOUR THUMB.

4. The above sequence must be done carefully. If your thumb slips while the trigger is pulled to the rear, the hammer will fly forward and the gun will fire.

CLEANING

Periodically, and after each firing session, your Charter revolver should be wiped clean with a nitro/powder solvent and a soft cloth. After unloading the gun, the barrel bore and cylinder chambers should be cleaned with this solvent on a flannel patch and cleaning rod. If necessary, a proper size bristle brush can be used for the bore and chambers.

This cleaning should be performed after every shooting session, or 50 rounds, whichever comes first; also check all Pins and Screws for tightness.

After cleaning, the entire gun should be wiped free of solvent and given a light film of rust-preventing oil. The grips should be wiped dry. All critical moving parts of your revolver can be lightly oiled without disassembling the gun.

DISASSEMBLY

Under normal conditions, there is no need for disassembly of your revolver. In the event it becomes necessary, however, observe the following procedure (consult parts diagram for part names):

1. FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT, MAKE SURE THE REVOLVER IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED.

2. Unscrew the Grip Screw until it protrudes well above the surface of the left grip.

3. Tap the protruding Grip Screw inward with a light blow to loosen the right grip. Both grips may now be removed.

4. Fully cock the Hammer.

5. Insert a paper clip or small pin through the hole in the bottom of the Mainspring Guide Rod. Unless this step is followed, the mainspring may fly out and cause injury.

6. Uncock the Hammer gently. Remove the Mainspring, Guide Rod and Seat assembly.

7. Remove Frame Assembly Screw (behind the Hammer), Frame Assembly Pin (below the Hammer) and the Cylinder Stop Retaining Pin (in front of the trigger). Gently remove the Butt from the Frame.

8. Unscrew the Hammer Screw from the right side of the Frame and remove Hammer from Frame. All moving parts may now be lightly oiled with a thin film of rust-preventing oil.

9. If Cylinder does not rotate freely when swung out (due to continued fouling of Crane bushing), remove the Crane Screw at front of Frame; remove the Cylinder assembly from the Frame; and slide the Crane far enough forward out of the Cylinder to clean and lightly oil the bushing.

10. The Cylinder Latch Release Screw located in the frame behind the cylinder is factory adjusted flush with the breech face and should not be tampered with.

FURTHER DISASSEMBLY IS NOT RECOMMENDED. Reassemble the revolver by reversing the order of these steps.

LIFETIME WARRANTY

Charter fully warrants, from the date of first purchase by a consumer from a recognized dealer, this FIREARM to be free from any defects in materials and workmanship, under normal use. This full warranty reflects the confidence of its maker and the quality of the materials and workmanship of its guns. This full warranty has been established to protect your investment.

Charter will remedy without charge — any defects due to faulty material or workmanship during the term of this warranty. The owner must first notify Charter — in writing — and state the difficulty experienced, along with the date and place of original purchase, model number, and serial number of the firearm.

If the gun is to be returned to Charter for adjustment or repair, you must properly pack the unloaded gun. Do not ship a loaded gun. All attachments, cases, holsters, or special grips should be removed. When returning your firearm to Charter, you may ship via United Parcel Service insured or through a licensed dealer. In any case, shipping charges must be prepaid. We acknowledge the receipt of all firearms returned for repair. If an acknowledgment is not received within 30 days, please contact the Customer Service Department. Please address returns to Charter 2000, Inc., Attention: Customer Service Department, 273 Canal Street, Shelton, CT 06484.

Once the gun is repaired or adjusted, the gun will be returned to you within a reasonable period of time. If, however, the necessary repairs cannot be made within a reasonable period of time, you will be notified. Return shipping and insurance charges will be paid by Charter.

EXCLUDED FROM THIS WARRANTY ARE THE FOLLOWING: malfunctions caused by improper use; unauthorized modifications, adjustments, or repairs; shipping damage; physical abuse, careless handling; defective or improperly loaded ammunition; corrosion; and ordinary wear and tear.

The proper recommended ammunition for this Firearm is noted in the instructions attached herewith.

This item is classified as a FIREARM and is released by Charter with the explicit understanding that we are not responsible for personal injury or property damage caused by improper use or accidental discharge due to conditions beyond our control. We are not responsible for the legality of its resale.

This warranty replaces all other warranties previously issued by Charter and in no way reduces any warranty coverage which you may have had in that previous warranty. This warranty is in full compliance with the Magnuson-Moss Warranty — Federal Trade Commission Improvement Act, Public Law No. 93-637 (July 4, 1975). This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

This manual should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership or possession. Additional or replacement copies may be ordered without charge from:

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